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C O N F I D E N T I A L FREETOWN 1522

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SL VS

SUBJECT: SIERRA LEONE - GVN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

REF FREETOWN 1504

1. AS REPORTED IN REFTTEL PRESIDENT STEVENS, ACCORDING TO SENATOR DANG VAN SUNG AGREED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN SIERRA LEONE AND THE GVN. IN A SOCIAL CONVERSATION WITH THE SENATOR PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM FREETOWN, I SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE ADVISABLE FOR THE GVN TO MOVE RAPIDLY TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SIERRA LEONE BEFORE THE GOSL CHANGES ITS MIND. THE SENATOR FEARED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT MIGHT NOT MOVE FAST ENOUGH AND REQUESTED MY ASSISTANCE IN EMPHASIZING THE URGENCY OF TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE PRESENT POSITIVE ATTITUDE OF THE GOSL.

2. I BELIEVE IT MOST PROBABLE THAT STRONG COUNTER-
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PRESSURES WILL BE QUICKLY APPLIED BY THE PRC, NORTH

VIETNAM, AND NORTH KOREA ON THE GOSL TO CHANGE ITS
MIND ABOUT RECOGNITION OF THE GVN AND THAT IF
APPROPRIATE THE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY SAIGON MIGHT WISH
TO ALERT THE GVN TO THE NEED FOR TIMELY ACTION ON THE
RECOGNITION QUESTION.

3. TODAY'S "DAILY MAIL" PROMINENTLY FEATURED,
COMPLETE WITH A PICTURE OF PRESIDENT THIEU, HIS CABLED
PLEA TO THE NAC NOT TO ADMIT THE PRG TO THE NAC.
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